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Dear Joshua,

The U. S. Government is in many ways completely berserk...aid to Spain...aid to Harting...etc. They seem to have adopted the philosophy of the late J. C., namely, Knock and it shall be opened unto you. The letter arrived only a few days ago, and by that time I had long since given up hope.

In many respects I am genuinely sorry about the recent decision. I have of late been hearing an increasing number of excellent reports about Wisconsin. I also thought a very good preface to research in microgenetics would be von Niel's course in microbiology. However, I have had to write him and explain that for the present, at least, this trip is an impossibility. Only time will tell if the general consensus of opinion is correct.

Thank you again for your time and trouble. I certainly appreciate your efforts. I am sure that you will have no trouble whatsoever in finding someone far more capable than I to fill the position.

Best regards to Esther! By this time she must have almost completed her formal thesis work.

Gratefully yours,

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